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In re application of

John H. Givens

Serial No. 08/801,812

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For: UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING
LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW
AND FILL IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT
STRUCTURE

Examiner: Julio J. Maldonado

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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2002 (the "Office Action"), Applicant submits this Amendment "F" that is filed concurrently with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Clean Version of the Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3):

Claims 1-28 and 36-63, now pending, are submitted below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), which presents a clean version of the entire set of pending claims in this single amendment paper.